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fall into the hands of trained domestics or can they insist upon proper treatment in the homes of their patients and be sure of backing by their doctors and registries? Until this question is settled, is it right or fair to receive young women from refined homes, girls of good birth and breeding, into the training schools without explaining to them what they may expect after they graduate?

New York

E. S.

#### ARMY STUDENTS

Dear Editor: In response to the letter published in the November JOURNAL I, as a student in the Army School of Nursing, desire to express my view and what I know to be the views of many of the Army students in regard to the allowance. The announcement which we all received before entering, stated very clearly the allowance given by the school, and the provision made for affiliations. The Army has provided generous allowance, which is sufficient spending money for any normal girl. That allowance has been increased during the past few months. As for allowance during affiliation, it was an understood fact that we would be given whatever allowance the hospital provided for its own students. The Army students are given exceptional opportunities for special training in the various branches of nursing, and the majority appreciate, not only the experience in Army hospitals, but also the excellent training which has been provided in civilian hospitals. I feel sorry that such an article should have been written, because I feel sure it expresses the opinion of only a very small group of Army students, and not that of the majority.

New York City

H. A. K.

#### ARRANGEMENT OF HOURS OF DUTY FOR TWO NURSES

##### I.

Dear Editor: Regarding the arrangement of hours of duty when there is more than one nurse on a case, I think, judging from my personal experience, that it is a question which can best be settled between the nurses. The doctors, as a rule, do not interfere and seem better pleased if they do not have to do so. Of course, occasionally it happens that the hours chosen are not convenient for the household, and then we try to coöperate by changing them to more convenient ones.

New York

A. D.

##### II.

Dear Editor: Regarding the question of who should arrange the hours off duty, I should like to say, in my six years' experience I have found that, when there are two of us on a case, we arrange our hours to suit our own convenience, as the patient does not have to be left in the care of any member of the household. When there is only one nurse on the case, I think only the family need be consulted, as, of course, one of them will have to take the place of the nurse while she is off duty, so it is much more considerate and kind to find out when one member of the household can best sit with the patient. In no case is it wise to trouble the patient. He is sick in mind as well as in body and it is never wise to trouble him with petty affairs. Neither do I like to trouble the attending physician. It is usually immaterial to him when the nurse is off duty. However, I always try to be on duty when he calls and if he is ever late, I leave word to be called as soon as he arrives. Of course, that applies only when there is one nurse on the case. When there are two or more, naturally one nurse is always on duty.

Alabama

G. W. P.